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SUBJECT: SAUDI-ECUADOREAN TALKS

1. SHEIKH YAMANI ARRIVED JUNE 13, A DAY EARLIER THAN MOST OPEC DELEGATES. BECAUSE HE WAS IN BUSINESS SUIT AT AIRPORT, NOT ARAB GARMENTS, HE SLIPPED THROUGH ECUADOREAN WELCOMING COMMITTEE AT FIRST, BUT THE ECUADOREANS CULTIVATED HIM CLOSELY THEREAFTER. THEY PROBABLY HEARD THE DIPLOMATIC CIRCUIT RUMOR THAT SAUDI ARABIA WILL LEAVE THE QUITO CONFERENCE IF THE OTHER OPEC MEMBERS INSIST UPON A PRICE INCREASE. IN ANY EVENT THEY REALIZE THAT THE SAUDIS WILL PLAY THE CRUCIAL ROLE IN THE CONFERENCE. ACCORDING TO PRESS, AT JUNE 13 MEETING BETWEEN YAMANI, ACTING FONMIN VALDEZ, FINMIN MONCAYO, AND MIN. NATURAL RESOURCES JARRIN IT WAS AGREED TO ESTABLISH DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION IN PETROLEUM MATTERS. POSSIBLE SAUDI FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR ECUADOR'S ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT WAS ALSO DISCUSSED. DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF PROTOCOL STATES PRIVATELY THAT ECUADOR HAS NO PLANS FOR EXCHANGE OF AMBASSADORS OR EVEN FOR EARLY ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS. THIS SUGGESTS THAT PRE-CONFERENCE SOUNDINGS WERE PRINCIPAL FACTOR BEHIND THE TALKS. BREWSTER

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